

# DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WARDS\* CALENDAR YEAR 2006

The average amount of time (length of stay) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) wards spent incarcerated prior to their release to parole in 2006 is presented in Tables 1 and 2. Table 3 displays the length of stay on parole prior to removal from parole.

Note: This report does not include wards discharged from DJJ jurisdiction directly from an institution. In 2006, there was a total of 284 such cases. This total includes 133 wards who were never paroled from first admission; 149 parole violators; and 2 who were discharged after a recommitment to DJJ.

The 2006 **overall** institutional length of stay was 22.8 months, slightly greater than the average of 22.4 months in 2005.

The average length of stay for **first commitments only** was 33.3 months, a month less than the 2005 figure of 34.2 months. Tables 1 and 2 further delineate the institutional length of stay for first commitments by sex, ethnic group, age at parole release, primary commitment offense, and Parole Hearing Board category.

The average length of stay for parole violators re-released in 2006 was 7.3 months, only a half-month less than the 7.8 months reported for 2005. The average length of stay for recommitments who were released in 2006 was 27.4 months, a three month increase from the figure of 24.5 months in 2005.

A multi-year comparison of the average length of stay on parole is presented in Table 3. The average amount of time parolees spent on parole had decreased since 1987 until it reached a low of 15.3 months in 1990. The average then began to going increase to the 2006 average length of stay of 22.3 months.

\* Does not include length-of-stay information for cases housed in DJJ facilities under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1731.5(c).

TABLE 1  
INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2006

By Selected Characteristics and Court of Commitment

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL PAROLE RELEASES .....	1,441	22.8	1,424	23.0	17	9.6
Parole Violator Releases* .....	578	7.3	-	-	-	-
Recommitment Releases* .....	16	27.4	-	-	-	-
FIRST COMMITMENT PAROLE RELEASES .....	847	33.3	845	33.3	2	27.9
Sex						
Males .....	802	33.1	800	33.1	2	27.9
Females .....	45	35.6	45	35.6	-	-
Ethnic Group						
White .....	135	34.4	135	34.4	-	-
Hispanic .....	420	32.3	418	32.3	2	27.9
African American .....	239	35.4	239	35.4	-	-
Asian .....	33	22.9	33	22.9	-	-
Other .....	20	37.6	20	37.6	-	-
Age at Parole						
16 and under .....	22	16.1	22	16.1	-	-
17 .....	50	21.4	50	21.4	-	-
18 .....	179	22.9	178	22.9	1	10.8
19 .....	268	26.4	268	26.4	-	-
20 .....	200	37.7	200	37.7	-	-
21 and over .....	128	62.8	127	62.9	1	44.9
Board Hearing Category						
Category 1 .....	20	82.5	20	82.5	-	-
Category 2 .....	89	49.5	89	49.5	-	-
Category 3 .....	80	45.0	80	45.0	-	-
Category 4 .....	254	32.2	253	32.1	1	44.9
Category 5 .....	230	27.3	230	27.3	-	-
Category 6 .....	166	23.3	165	23.3	1	10.8
Category 7 .....	8	24.7	8	24.7	-	-
Type of Offense						
Misdemeanor .....	11	12.5	11	12.5	-	-
Felony .....	836	33.5	834	33.5	2	27.9

\*Information by committing court not available.

TABLE 2  
INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2006  
By Primary Commitment Offense and Court

PRIMARY FIRST COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
Murder 1st Degree .....	10	83.2	10	83.2	-	-
Murder 2nd Degree .....	6	86.1	6	86.1	-	-
Manslaughter .....	13	39.4	13	39.4	-	-
Robbery, Enhanced .....	57	39.4	57	39.4	-	-
Carjacking .....	18	38.6	18	38.6	-	-
Other Robbery Offenses .....	108	32.7	108	32.7	-	-
Assault to Murder .....	23	53.0	23	53.0	-	-
Aggravated Assault .....	157	31.8	157	31.8	-	-
Other Assault Offenses .....	69	27.1	68	26.8	1	44.9
Burglary First Degree .....	86	29.4	86	29.4	-	-
Other Burglary Offenses .....	26	27.4	26	27.4	-	-
Grand Theft .....	13	22.3	13	22.3	-	-
Auto Theft .....	37	24.0	37	24.0	-	-
Other Theft Offenses .....	14	23.7	14	23.7	-	-
Forcible Rape .....	17	42.1	17	42.1	-	-
Other Sex Offenses .....	67	46.1	67	46.1	-	-
Possession Hard Narcotic .....	15	25.6	15	25.6	-	-
Selling Hard Narcotic .....	3	19.9	3	19.9	-	-
Possession Marijuana .....	3	19.7	3	19.7	-	-
Selling Marijuana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Drug Offenses .....	9	19.0	9	18.9	-	-
Weapons .....	47	20.8	47	20.8	-	-
Arson .....	8	32.1	8	32.1	-	-
Extortion/Kidnapping .....	11	56.9	11	56.9	-	-
Miscellaneous Felony .....	12	27.1	11	28.5	1	10.8
Miscellaneous Misdemeanor .....	18	19.2	18	19.2	-	-
Escape Juvenile Facility .....	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 3  
PAROLE LENGTH OF STAY  
By Year and Type of Removal from Parole

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL REMOVED		NON-VIOLATION DISCHARGES		REVOCATIONS		VIOLATION DISCHARGES	
	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS
1987	3,357	19.0	1,084	23.5	1,491	14.1	782	22.1
1988	2,721	17.7	935	22.4	1,105	12.3	681	20.1
1989	2,859	15.8	979	18.7	1,135	11.6	745	18.1
1990	3,277	15.3	1,070	18.5	1,346	11.4	861	17.2
1991	3,583	16.3	1,169	19.3	1,369	12.2	1,045	18.4
1992	3,188	17.1	1,070	20.4	1,202	12.3	916	19.5
1993	3,326	16.9	998	21.2	1,359	12.3	969	18.8
1994	3,317	17.5	989	21.6	1,487	13.0	841	20.4
1995	3,479	18.2	1,213	21.8	1,478	13.7	788	21.3
1996	3,451	19.2	1,384	23.1	1,268	13.5	799	21.5
1997	3,618	18.9	1,467	22.4	1,340	13.6	811	21.1
1998	3,542	19.3	1,511	22.0	1,204	14.7	827	21.0
1999	3,686	20.5	1,756	22.7	1,081	15.4	849	22.3
2000	3,021	20.1	1,191	22.8	1,080	15.3	750	22.7
2001	2,808	21.1	1,114	24.2	968	15.7	726	23.5
2002	2,733	20.1	1,058	23.8	996	14.6	679	22.6
2003	2,527	19.6	932	23.6	883	13.7	712	21.7
2004	2,508	20.6	955	26.4	863	11.8	690	23.5
2005	2,309	20.9	765	27.7	897	12.7	647	24.3
2006	1,888	22.3	660	28.7	702	14.6	526	24.6